

Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting
City of Albuquerque Cultural Services

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:30 a.m.
Via Zoom Videoconference

Board Members Present

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair
Helen Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer
Judith N. Suiter
Sherri Burr
Joni Pierce

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Wayne G. Chew
Paul M. Mondragon

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Josie Lopez, Art Curator
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator

Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Leslie Kim, History Curator
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present

Dr. Shelle Sanchez, Director Cultural Services
Hakim Bellamy, Deputy Director Cultural Services
Ann Travelstead, aMF Chief Financial & Operations Officer
Denise Crouse, aMF Communications Manager
Michelle Melendez, Director Office of Equity and Inclusion

Request to Record

Request to record meeting was made by Julie Valdez.
Request approved unanimously.

I Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Beverly Bendicksen at 11:35am.

II Approval of August 12, 2020 Minutes

A motion to approve the August 12, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Judith Suiter, Pamela Weese Powell provided a second. Joni Pierce abstained. All others approved.

III Approval of September 2, 2020 Minutes

A motion to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Alan F. Weitzel, Judith Suiter provided a second. Joni Pierce abstained. All others approved.

IV Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V Amendment to City of Albuquerque Ordinance –

Section 2, Chapter 10, Article 4 – Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees

- Dr. Shelle Sanchez provided a summary of the recent changes to this ordinance:

- Updates create alignment and consistency across all Boards associated with Cultural Services.
- aM BOT will expand from 9 to 13 Trustees with 9 Trustees representing each of the City Council Districts, 3 Trustees representing Mayor at Large appointments, and 1 Trustee representing the Foundation. Hakim Bellamy is currently working on District Assignments.
- aM BOT will no longer be responsible for overseeing the recruitment and selection of the Museum Director.
- Call for all Boards to have By Laws

VI Plan of Work / Board Objectives

Beverly Bendicksen introduced a plan of work for the coming year:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Plan will be adopted
 - Michelle Melendez provided an overview of the COA Office of Equity and Inclusion
 - OEI can offer tools and training and is a public resource for equity and inclusion
 - Michelle Melendez will send training and information links to the BOT
- By Laws will be reviewed
- Policies and Procedures will be updated (Policy Manual has been distributed to BOT)
- aM Strategic Plan Survey will be distributed to BOT
- Update BOT Information Notebooks /Orientation for new Board Members
- Overview of Museum Budget and Foundation financials
- Schedule an educational walkthrough of Museum for BOT presented by Curators
- Appoint members of the Art and History Advisory Committees
 - Andrew Connors: Art and History Advisory Committees are appointed by the BOT to assist the Curators of Art and History in their particular areas of specialization.
 - Art and History Advisory Committees role is to advise the Curators regarding collections, acquisitions and deaccessioning.

VII Update on Race, History and Healing Project

Dr. Shelle Sanchez provided an update:

- Community Dialogue Session results and conclusions are in process / 150+ participants
- More than 1200 surveys have been submitted / 350 requests to be interviewed
- October 24, 2020, Project ends with 1-2 days of Community Solutions Table discussions with self-selected participants
- Public results submitted to the Arts Board on October 28, 2020, then introduced to City Council in November 2020, City Council acts on the Community's Recommendation in December 2020.
- aM BOT can call a special meeting after the Public Community Dialogue submission to Arts Board and at this time the aM BOT can write a letter outlining the BOT's input on the recommendations to the Arts Board, Mayor and City Council.

VIII Museum Director Report

Andrew Connors provided the following report:

- Congratulated Helen Atkins on her exhibition "Soft"
- The Museum experience has been positive for guests
- Hold My Ticket is working appropriately
- Governor's regulated change to a limit of (5) people per gathering may affect the Museum School

- The Museum is doing all of the things required to protect the health of employees and visitors

IX Curator of Art Report

Josie Lopez provided the following report:

- Discussed a slideshow of acquisitions and collections plan of focusing on more work by Women Artists, Latino Artists, Indigenous Artists and African American Artists
- Josie shared a slide show presentation of “30 Americans”
 - Josie has done walk-throughs with community members participating in our community label writing project

X Foundation Report

Joni Pierce:

- aMF Mission, Vision and Value and Strategic Goals has been distributed to the BOT
- Update on search for Executive Director
 - Hired search firm Isaacson Miller and will start interviewing this week
- October 19, 2020, is deadline for ArtsThrive tickets

XI New Business

No new business

XII Adjourn

Next regular meeting will be December 9, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

Special meeting to be planned for late October.

Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Joni Pierce provided a second, motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.